

The Best of Grand Ledge 2022 Photo Contest

Information on Rules and Entry

Enter the Photo Contest by 11:59 pm, by Monday, May 1, 2023.

Photographers of all ages are invited to enter their best, “high resolution” images celebrating our community in the Best of Grand Ledge 2022 Photography Contest. Entering is easy and free. For more information visit www.cityofgrandledge.com/410/Photo-Contest/photocontest.

CONTEST DATES:

- Entries will be accepted beginning Thursday, August 11, 2022 through Monday, May 1, 2023 at 11:59pm
- Photographs entered in the contest can be taken at any time but must be taken within the Grand Ledge city limits
- **Photos must be uploaded no later than Monday, May 1, 2023, at 11:59pm.**

CRITERIA: The mission of the contest is to celebrate the splendor and allure of the City of Grand Ledge, therefore all photos entered must be taken within the city limits. Photos taken outside of the City are not eligible for submission or voting. Please note that low resolution images that cannot be well reproduced in printed materials will be disqualified. Be sure to set your camera or smartphone settings to the highest possible resolution for best results.

The City will display the entries online beginning at 12:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 9, 2023 and ask the public to select up to 10 of their favorite images. The City will identify 10 images that have received the most votes and a committee of the Downtown Development Authority will select final winners and award the following prizes:

- Grand Prize: One image will be selected to receive a \$200.00 cash prize and official recognition at a Downtown Development Authority meeting
- Runner-Up: One image will be selected to receive a \$100.00 cash prize and official recognition at a Downtown Development Authority meeting
- Honorable Mention: Eight images will be selected to receive a \$25.00 cash prize and official recognition at a Downtown Development Authority meeting

Winners will be notified by email and announced in June 2023. All contest entries are eligible to be featured in city-wide publications of print and electronic media.

SUMMARY OF CONTEST RULES:

(For Official Rules for the Best of Grand Ledge 2022 Photo Contest, visit <https://cityofgrandledge.com/410/Photo-Contest>)

- No entry fees.
- Photos must be taken within the Grand Ledge city-limits and must be deemed suitable for publishing by the City.
- In submitting photos, you are granting the City of Grand Ledge permission and the right to publish (and/or) post your photos to the internet, television, and any printed materials without any compensation or any other consideration.

- Persons entering the contest agree to forever hold harmless the City of Grand Ledge from any liability caused from the publishing or posting of submitted photos of the contest.
- Open to photographers of all skill levels and of any age.
- Minors under the age of 18 years old may enter but must have their legal parent or guardian submit the entry on their behalf.
- Employees of the City of Grand Ledge, members of the Downtown Development Authority's voting committee, and all their immediate families are NOT eligible to win any prize monies but are welcome to enter the contest.
- Maximum of five (5) photos allowed with entry, per photographer.
- Photographers may only enter the 2022 Photo Contest one (1) time.
- Photographers are only eligible to win one (1) cash prize The City will have a total of ten (10) different prize winners for this contest.
- Photos with recognizable persons can only be entered with a signed Model Release Form. Visit <https://cityofgrandledge.com/410/Photo-Contest> to download this form.
- The City reserves the right to reject any entry based on criteria.
- No print or emailed entries will be accepted. Only electronic files, uploaded via <https://cityofgrandledge.com/410/Photo-Contest> will be accepted.
- **The deadline to enter the contest is Monday, May 1, 2023, at 11:59pm.** The City assumes no responsibility for late, lost, misdirected, or damaged entries.
- By submitting, photographers must agree to the following:
 - I hereby give permission to the City of Grand Ledge, or anyone authorized by the City to use and/or reproduce any or all digital images for any purpose including multi-media publications (any print materials, internet, broadcast television, presentation, and internal City use) without compensation or any other consideration to me.
 - I understand that my submittal may be used in its entirety or in part and may be revised or combined with other images for use by the City and its designees without recognition.
 - I understand that any digital images submitted will become and remain property of the City.
 - I understand that any digital images submitted may be reviewed by the public and may be displayed in City and non-City facilities.
 - I have received permission and have submitted signed Model Release Forms from all persons in the photograph(s) for use of their image as part of my entry into the 2022 Photo Contest. Visit <https://cityofgrandledge.com/410/Photo-Contest> to download this form.
 - I certify that the photos I submitted are unique and original, taken by me, and does not infringe upon any copyright or patent.
 - I certify that I have read and understand the Official Rules of the Best of Grand Ledge 2022 Photo Contest. Visit <https://cityofgrandledge.com/410/Photo-Contest> to view/download the Official Rules.
- Any submission received after the entry deadline will not be eligible for cash prizes.

SUBMIT YOUR PHOTOS at <https://cityofgrandledge.com/410/Photo-Contest>: Entering is easy and free! Limit: up to five (5) photos per photographer. Photographers may only enter the 2022 Photo Contest one (1) time. All entries must be completed via the portal at <https://cityofgrandledge.com/410/Photo-Contest>, submitted by **Monday, May 1, 2023 at 11:59pm**, and include the following to be eligible:

1. Release Form with Name, Age, and Contact Information of Photographer

1a. Completed Release Form for person entering the contest. Visit <https://cityofgrandledge.com/410/Photo-Contest> to download this form.

1b. Name, Age, and Contact Information of Legal Parent or Guardian, if Photographer is under the age of 18 years old.

3. Agreement to the Best of Grand Ledge 2022 Photo Contest Official Rules

3a. Visit <https://cityofgrandledge.com/410/Photo-Contest> to view/download the Official Rules.

INFORMATION: The information contained in these official rules is for reference only and is subject to change. The City of Grand Ledge reserves the right to revise, amend, or repeal these basic contest rules at any time.

JUDGING: The City will display the entries online by 12:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 9, 2023, and ask the public to select up to 10 of their favorite images by 11:59 p.m. on Monday, May 22, 2023. The City will compile 10 images that received the most public votes and will provide the images to a committee of the Downtown Development Authority who will select final winners and award the prizes. The committee will only see the same information provided to the public: the image of the photo and the photo name given by the entrant. Committee members will not be given any other identifying information about the photo entrant such as name, address, age, etc. The committee will be judging based on the quality of the photo, suitability for future promotional use, and how well the image captured the essence of Grand Ledge, in their sole opinion.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Any costs associated with preparing or entering the Best of Grand Ledge 2022 Photo Contest are the Entrant's sole responsibility and will not be reimbursed by the City of Grand Ledge.

The City reserves the right to reject any or all entries, to award prizes and/or provide recognition to entries, to accept any or all alternatives, to waive irregularities and/or informalities and, in general, to make the award in any manner deemed by it, in its sole discretion, to be in the best interest of the City.